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SUBJ: MALAGASY PRESS FINALLY REPORTS PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS  
AND SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN ANGOLA

1. BOTH MADAGASCAR PRESSE (OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN) AND MADAGASCAR MATIN (FRENCH/MALAGASY DAILY) PUBLISHED IDENTICAL ARTICLES JANUARY 16 REPORTING A SMALL PORTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JANUARY 14 PRESS CONFERENCE. ARTICLES (BASED ON AFP) REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW AND CITED \$200 MILLION IN SOVIET AID TO MPLA AS WELL AS 5-7,000 CUBAN TROOPS WHO "ARE PRACTICALLY THE ONLY ONES FIGHTING ON THE NORTHERN FRONT".

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME, AS BEST AS WE CAN TELL, THAT LOCAL PRESS HAS REFERRED EITHER TO SOVIET AID OR CUBAN TROOPS. ALL NEWSPAPERS ARE SUBMITTED TO MIN/INFORMATION CENSORS EACH DAY BEFORE GENERAL DISTRIBUTION AND COULD BE CONFISCATED AS HAS OCCASIONALLY HAPPENED IN PAST. MADAGASCAR PRESSE SETS THE STANDARD FOR THE NEWSPAPERS AS TO HOW FAR THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO GO IN REPORTING THE NEWS. THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY REFLECT IMPROVED ATTITUDE OF NEW GDRM  
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(INSTALLED JANUARY 13) OR SIMPLY THAT OF LUCIEN MICHEL-

ANDRIANARAHINJAKA, MINISTER-COUNSELOR TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA  
WHO IS SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION. HE REPLACED  
HARD-NOSED LEFTIST RADICAL GASTON LAHA WHO WAS MIN/INFORMATION  
AND HAS BEEN DEMOTED TO MIN/ART AND "REVOLUTIONARY" CULTURE.  
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